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Greetings -

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will continue work to complete the draft Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment into 2013.

EPA released a draft of the Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment in May 2012 for public comment and independent peer review. The Agency is now updating the assessment in response to over 230,000 public comments it received and the comments and suggestions it received from expert peer reviewers. EPA plans to have a group of qualified experts review the revised draft assessment prior to completion of the assessment.

The Agency is working to determine the schedule, scope, and methodology of this additional review. No deadline for completing the assessment has been set.

Thank you for your interest in the EPA Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment.

Sincerely,

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